Southampton and Rich were at Essex House but are gone to the country to shun the company that daily were wont to visit them in town because it gave offence to the Court His very servants are afraid to meet in any place to make merry lest it might be ill taken My Lord Southampton and Lord Rutland come not to Court , the one doth but very seldom , they pass away the time in London merely in going to plays every day

It is given out that if he would desire his liberty and go to Ireland again, he should have it, but he seems resolved never to go thither again, nor to meddle with any matters of war or state, and only lead a quiet country life The Lords are said to like very well of his reasons and that the Queen by them is reasonably satisfied of his proceedings in Ireknd What her Majesty will please to resolve shall shortly be seen ; but he stands to have his liberty by the like warrant that he was committed It is said that Sir Robert Cecil at his last being with him said that the Queen was well pleased with his courses and would do anything to further his good and contentment, which my Lord thanked him for

October LORD MOUNTJOY FOR IRELAND

This day her Majesty made known to Lord Mountjoy her intention to send him to Ireland He is said to have excused it, for he found himself unable to abide the climate of Ireland Wherein he shows his love to the Earl, for it is thought that if anything procure his liberty, it will be the necessity of sending him over again But it may be her Majesty would not have the world think she is so bare of commanders If Lord Mountjoy can put it off, it will surely be laid on a meaner man, or Sir Robert Sidney if he were in England But whose lot soever it is

to go, shall find it a weary burden

zist October MY LORD or ESSEX

The Queen's anger towards my Lord of Essex seems to be appeased in nothing To-day the Lords were at Court and with her in Council about my Lord's matters The Lords were all desirous that her Majesty would enlarge him, commending his reasons for his proceedings in Ireland, and his manner of submission for his offence in returning But she angerly told them that such a contempt ought to be publicly punished